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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

3 (1) ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR.—The term “Route 66
4 corridor” means structures and other cultural re-
5 sources described in paragraph (3), including—

6 (A) lands owned by the Federal Govern-
7 ment and lands owned by a State or local gov-
8 ernment within the immediate vicinity of those
9 portions of the highway formerly designated as
10 United States Route 66; and

11 (B) private land within that immediate vi-
12 cinity that is owned by persons or entities that
13 are willing to participate in the programs au-
14 thorized by this Act.

15 (2) CULTURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS.—The
16 term “Cultural Resource Programs” means the pro-
17 grams established and administered by the National
18 Park Service for the benefit of and in support of
19 preservation of the Route 66 corridor, either directly
20 or indirectly.

21 (3) PRESERVATION OF THE ROUTE 66 COR-
22 RIDOR.—The term “preservation of the Route 66
23 corridor” means the preservation or restoration of
24 structures or other cultural resources of businesses,
25 sites of interest, and other contributing resources
26 that—

1 (A) are located within the land described
2 in paragraph (1);

3 (B) existed during the route's period of
4 outstanding historic significance (principally be-
5 tween 1926 and 1970), as defined by the study
6 prepared by the National Park Service and en-
7 titled "Special Resource Study of Route 66",
8 dated July 1995; and

9 (C) remain in existence as of the date of
10 enactment of this Act.

11 (4) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means
12 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the
13 Cultural Resource Programs at the National Park
14 Service.

15 (5) STATE.—The term "State" means a State
16 in which a portion of the Route 66 corridor is lo-
17 cated.

18 **SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in collaboration
20 with the entities described in subsection (c), shall facilitate
21 the development of guidelines and a program of technical
22 assistance and grants that will set priorities for the preser-
23 vation of the Route 66 corridor.

24 (b) DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS.—The Secretary
25 shall designate officials of the National Park Service sta-

tioned at locations convenient to the States to perform the functions of the Cultural Resource Programs under this Act.

(c) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—The Secretary shall—

(1) support efforts of State and local public and private persons, nonprofit Route 66 preservation entities, Indian tribes, State Historic Preservation Offices, and entities in the States for the preservation of the Route 66 corridor by providing technical assistance, participating in cost-sharing programs, and making grants;

(2) act as a clearinghouse for communication among Federal, State, and local agencies, nonprofit Route 66 preservation entities, Indian tribes, State historic preservation offices, and private persons and entities interested in the preservation of the Route 66 corridor; and

(3) assist the States in determining the appropriate form of and establishing and supporting a non-Federal entity or entities to perform the functions of the Cultural Resource Programs after those programs are terminated.

(d) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary may—

1 (1) enter into cooperative agreements, including
2 (but not limited to) cooperative agreements for
3 study, planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and
4 restoration related to the Route 66 corridor;

5 (2) accept donations of funds, equipment, sup-
6 plies, and services as appropriate;

7 (3) provide cost-share grants for projects for
8 the preservation of the Route 66 corridor (but not
9 to exceed 50 percent of total project costs) and in-
10 formation about existing cost-share opportunities;

11 (4) provide technical assistance in historic pres-
12 ervation and interpretation of the Route 66 corridor;
13 and

14 (5) coordinate, promote, and stimulate research
15 by other persons and entities regarding the Route 66
16 corridor.

17 (e) PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
19 assistance in the preservation of the Route 66 cor-
20 ridor in a manner that is compatible with the idio-
21 syncratic nature of the Route 66 corridor.

22 (2) PLANNING.—The Secretary shall not pre-
23 pare or require preparation of an overall manage-
24 ment plan for the Route 66 corridor, but shall co-
25 operate with the States and local public and private

1 persons and entities, State historic preservation of-
2 fices, nonprofit Route 66 preservation entities, and
3 Indian tribes in developing local preservation plans
4 to guide efforts to protect the most important or
5 representative resources of the Route 66 corridor.

6 **SEC. 3. RESOURCE TREATMENT.**

7 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

8 (1) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall
9 develop a program of technical assistance in the
10 preservation of the Route 66 corridor and interpre-
11 tation of the Route 66 corridor.

12 (2) PROGRAM GUIDELINES.—As part of the
13 technical assistance program under paragraph (1),
14 the Secretary shall establish guidelines for setting
15 priorities for preservation needs for the Route 66
16 corridor. The Secretary shall base the guidelines on
17 the Secretary's standards for historic preservation.

18 (b) PROGRAM FOR COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall coordi-
20 nate a program of historic research, curation, pres-
21 ervation strategies, and the collection of oral and
22 video histories of events that occurred along the
23 Route 66 corridor.

24 (2) DESIGN.—The program under paragraph
25 (1) shall be designed for continuing use and imple-

1 mentation by other organizations after the Cultural
2 Resource Programs are terminated.

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000
5 for the period of fiscal years 2000 through 2009 to carry
6 out the purposes of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives June 30, 1999.

Attest:

Clerk.